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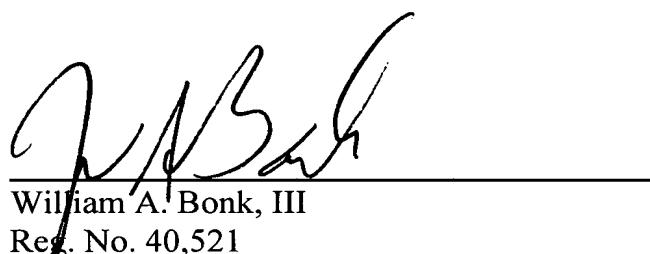
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Please advise us of the status of this application. We have not received a substantive office action.



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